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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING OF WEU COMMITTEE IN BERLIN.

1. AT JAN 23 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID THAT FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI HAD BEEN ASKED BY BUNDESTAG MEMBER SIEGLERSCHMIDT (SPD, BERLIN) ON JAN 22 WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTIONS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE OR ON THE PART OF ALLIES TO MEETING IN BERLIN OF COMMITTEE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) ASSEMBLY. SIEGLERSCHMIDT IS MEMBER OF WEU COMMITTEE ON TIES WITH WEST EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTS WHICH WISHES TO MEET IN BERLIN IN FEBRUARY. LUECKING NOTED THAT SIEGLERSCHMIDT HOPED TO INFORM HIS WEU COLLEAGUES OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND ALLIED VIEWS AT COMMITTEE MEETING IN STRASBOURG ON JAN 28.

2. ALLIED REPS SAID IT WOULD HARDLY BE POSSIBLE TO
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PROVIDE DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. LUECKING

SAID INITIAL FOREIGN OFFICE REACTION WAS NEGATIVE.
ALLIED REPS AGREED, NOTING POLITICAL-MILITARY FLAVOR OF
WEU ORGANIZATION, THAT WEU TREATY NOT EXTENDED TO
BERLIN, AND THAT COMMITTEE DEALT WITH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
RELATIONS. ALL THIS SEEMED TO BEAR CLOSELY ON QUESTIONS
OF SECURITY AND STATUS. ALLIED REPS AGREED TO SEEK
VIEWS OF CAPITALS.

3. PRIOR TO TRIPARTITE MEETING ON JAN 24 FOREIGN OFFICE
WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS
TO PRECEDENT AND AGENDA FOR PROPOSED MEETING. SAME
COMMITTEE MET IN BERLIN ON NOV 23-24, 1967. AGENDA
WOULD DEAL WITH: REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON HANDLING WEU
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, REPORT AND
DISCUSSION ON PARLIAMENTARY DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE, AND
REPORT (SPECIFIC TOPIC NOT STATED) BY MEMBER OF BERLIN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING JAN 24 FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU)
SAID THEIR ANSWER WOULD BE FLAT NO TO MEETING BECAUSE OF
WEU POLICY COORDINATION ROLE FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND
BECAUSE TREATY NOT EXTENDED TO BERLIN.

5. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REQUESTED.
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